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SUBJECT: CUBAN INTEREST IN NON-PROLIFERATION

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1. IN ANSWER TO QUESTIONS IN PARA. 6 OF REFTTEL, INFORMATION ON LEVELS OF OCEAN DUMPING AND US POLICY IN THIS AREA AND ON RADIOACTIVE RELEASES IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER IS BEING POUCHED UNDER SEPARATE COVER. AT YOUR DISCRETION, YOU MAY PASS THIS MATERIAL TO INTERESTED CUBAN OFFICIALS.

2. IN BRIEF, THE US PLAYED AN ACTIVE ROLE IN NEGOTIATING  
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THE CONVENTION ON THE PREVENTION OF MARINE POLLUTION BY THE DUMPING OF WASTES AND OTHER MATTER. THE CONVENTION, ENTERED INTO FORCE IN AUGUST 1975, PROHIBITS ALL OCEAN DUMPING OF HIGH-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE AND ESTABLISHED CRITERIA AND GUIDELINES FOR ANY DUMPING OF OTHER WASTE. BY LAW, ANY DUMPING OF OTHER WASTE WOULD REQUIR  
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SPECIAL PERMIT FROM THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) AND SINCE 1970 WHEN THE US STOPPED OCEAN DUMPING OF LOW-LEVEL WASTE NO SUCH PERMIT HAS BEEN ISSUED.

3. NO DUMPING PROGRAM HAS BEEN CARRIED OUT IN THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. ONLY TWO NON-NATURAL SOURCES OF RADIO-ACTIVE MATERIAL MAY REACH THE RIVER, INCIDENTAL LOW-LEVEL EFFLUENTS FROM NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS IN THE RIVER BASIN, OR DISCHARGE FROM SEWAGE SYSTEMS OF MINOR RELEASES OF RADIOACTIVE ISOTOPES USED BY HOSPITALS FOR MEDICAL PURPOSES. THESE RELEASE LEVELS ARE EXTREMELY LOW, AND IN JUDGEMENT OF CONCERNED US AGENCIES DO NOT CONSTITUTE HEALTH OR ENVIRONMENTAL THREAT TO US POPULATION. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND IN DOCUMENTS SUPPLIED BY THE EPA. VANCE

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